



# The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

## Letter to the Community:

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It appears that the seemingly endless rainy days are being replaced by the heat of summer. The kids are out of school, unless you have ones in Drivers' Training or a Summer Class. Churches are involved in their annual Vacation Bible School sessions. Many of us are already headed out on vacations, or are in the planning stages. At this time of year, it sometimes is harder to keep focused on our routine. Aren't we glad that God does not take vacations, and that He is still focused on our routines?

One of the things going on now is our Community's planning for the Fall Walks, things that don't take place until October. Phil and Rhonda have accepted the challenges and opportunities of leading those Fall Walks. They are not on vacation right now, as they are looking at names, praying over names, and trying to determine whom God is assembling for His teams for the Fall.

If you have been called and asked to consider serving on team, pray about it. Maybe you have already felt called to serve and answered. If you have not yet been called, you may still be. Pray about it. If you don't get called, still pray for the team; it may be that it is just not your time to serve. As much as we try to take credit for these things, we do try to get out of the way and let God guide us. One thing we all have to remember, and sometimes it is hard to do, but being on a team is not about US. It's not for us to go have a great "retreat" or to be that person "up in front leading". Being on a team



is always about being **self-less**. Being on a team is about showing that spirit of cooperation and agape love toward other team members, Pilgrims, and all with whom we come in contact. Being on team is about making every Pilgrim find the experience that God intended and doing it so that it all looks effort-less and seamless.

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## Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Chrysalis Flights #37 & 38	September 4-6, 2010
Men's Walk #77	October 21-24, 2010
Women's Walk #78	October 28-31, 2010
Men's Walk #79	March 31-April 3, 2011
Women's Walk #80	April 7-10, 2011
Men's Walk #81	October 20-23, 2011
Women's Walk #82	October 27-30, 2011

Letter to the Community continued:

And being part of the team also means to fill the Prayer Chart for 72 hours; fill the camp for Send-off, whether we are sponsoring or not, to fill the church for Candlelight, whether we know any Pilgrims or not, and filling the Closing to see the excitement and change on the faces of these Pilgrims. It's also about showing up to help move supplies into camp, to move supplies out of camp, and to make sure we leave every place we stayed better than we found it. We cannot assume that someone else is doing it. Being on team includes all of us who ever made our Walk anywhere in the past. And, being on team is also following up by being active in a Reunion Group, and joining in accountability and fellowship at Gatherings.

I'm glad to be on this Team with you! See you at the next event?

A.C. Reeves  
Community LD

### **From the Community Spiritual Director**

Good sponsorship is vital to the Walk to Emmaus. Sponsorship is the first act of agape performed for a pilgrim. While most church related functions take a "ya'll come!" approach to participation, Emmaus relies on a method that is more consistent with the message of the Walk: sponsorship.

Good sponsorship is vital to the strength of an Emmaus community. When considering whether to sponsor a person on the Walk to Emmaus there are some important steps that should be followed.

The first step in sponsorship is prayer. A good sponsor will seek God's direction in whom they will sponsor. I remember following my Walk to Emmaus I was so excited about God's work over the weekend that I wanted to invite every person I met to participate in a Walk. Even strangers walking down the street were people I wanted to sponsor. Imagine the shock a stranger would receive if I had simply walked up to them on the street and asked them to attend a Walk to Emmaus. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit kept me in check and I learned to wait on His guidance before moving forward in sponsorship.

When you feel that there is a person you should sponsor you should also look at what is currently happening in their life. It may not be the appropriate time for them to attend a Walk because of a struggle or difficulty they are going through. **The Walk to Emmaus is not designed to fix people's problems. It is a tool to prepare leaders to work in their local church to win people to Christ and advance God's kingdom.**

If you ever have questions regarding sponsorship please feel free to contact me. I am available to help you in any way I can.


De Colores,  
Rev. Brian L. Buterbaugh  
Community Spiritual Director

**2011 Fees to Increase**

At the last Columbus Emmaus Community board meeting, one item of concern that was addressed was the financial health of our Emmaus Community. Increased expenses made it necessary for the board to take action. It was pointed out that other communities in the area charge \$85-\$200 for a weekend. So with a unanimous vote, the board voted to raise pilgrim and team fees to \$100.00 per weekend effective with the Spring 2011 walks. Scholarships are available for those who cannot pay the fee. The board also clarified that any individuals on the waiting list from 2010 would not be subject to the raise.

**Do You Know Someone Qualified to Serve On the Emmaus Board?**

**NOW** is the time to nominate them for service on the 2011 board. Let Carolyn Pool know at 812-376-2780 or [cpool@columbusinemmaus.org](mailto:cpool@columbusinemmaus.org).




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**July Chrysalis Board Meeting**

Tuesday, July 6, 2010—6 pm  
Memorial Baptist Church  
2320 7th St., Columbus, IN

**July Emmaus Board Meeting**

Saturday, July 10, 2010—9 am  
Rocky Ford Free Methodist Church  
3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

**July Gathering**

Friday, July 16, 2010—7 pm  
Garden City Church of Christ  
3245 Jonesville Rd., Columbus, IN  
Childcare provided for ages 6 & under  
K-Z Bring Refreshments

**July Hoot**

Sunday, July 18, 2010—2 pm  
TBD

